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## BRIED CLERKS; ROBBED PUBLIC

Charge Made Against Standard Oil By Former Agent.

## INQUIRY BEGUN BY COMMISSION

Sensation Caused in Minnesota By Disclosures of Looting of Insurance Company—The Former Head of Northwestern National Life on Stand.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 10.—Corruption of railroad employees and agents of independent oil companies, dishonest methods of procuring land leases, the giving of short measures, and the selling of three kinds of oil out of the same tank, were charged against the Standard Oil Company at today's hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The inquiry is held under an order of Congress and today's session was along the lines followed some time ago in Kansas City.

The principal witness of the day was E. M. Willott, of Springfield, Mo., formerly for ten years agent of the Standard Oil Company at Topeka, Kan. He made the charges of bribery and dishonesty against the company, and said that the "frisco road discriminated in favor of the Standard Oil Company."

Other witnesses were H. C. Doran, of Fremont, Ohio; E. P. Ripley, president of the Aetna, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, and M. Maxon, a former agent of the Standard Oil Company in Illinois.

### Bribed Clerks.

Willott, in the course of his testimony, while in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, he had, in following out instructions of his superior officers, bribed clerks in the offices of railroads and employees of independent oil concerns to obtain information of the details of the business done by the rivals of the Standard Oil Company. He declared that agents of the Standard Oil Company are held personally responsible for all oil sold in their territory by independent companies, and that drivers of tank wagons are expected to keep up their stock by selling 20 to 25 gallons from a wagonload of 200 gallons. He said that the actual tests of the products of the Standard Oil Company to determine the quality are carefully guarded, and that when it was found necessary to cut the price to meet the figure of a competitor, a cheaper quality of oil was substituted and guaranteed to be of a higher grade than it really was.

Mr. Willott said that frequently three grades of oil were sold from the same tank by agents of the Standard Oil Company. The hearing was conducted by Attorneys J. F. Marchand, F. S. Monett, for the government, and Commissioners Clements, Cockrell and Prouty heard the evidence. John S. Miller and A. G. Eddy appeared for the Standard Oil Company. Commissioner Clements, at the commencement of the hearing, announced that it was held in pursuance of a resolution passed by Congress, and that the present session was a continuance of the investigation conducted some time ago at Kansas City.

## CHARGES BRECHTEL ROBBED COMPANY

Astounding Disclosures As to the Looting of Northwestern National Life.

(By Associated Press.) MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., May 10.—Astounding disclosures as to what the State's attorney says was the looting of an insurance company were brought to light today in the examination of William Brechtel, former president of the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, now on trial for the alleged larceny of \$3,500 from the insurance company.

In making explanations, the witness disclosed payment of \$113,500 to Dr. Jacob Force, as reimbursement for loss of contract, Force having been induced to retire from the presidency in favor of Brechtel. There is no record in the insurance company's book for the payment of this \$113,500 to Force. As to the \$3,500 said to have been used from the company's funds to pay a private debt of Brechtel's, Brechtel insisted that the money was taken to reimburse himself for money expended previously for his own funds for the insurance company.

Attorney Dahl, for the prosecution, introduced a letter in which Brechtel said he had used the \$3,500 for legislative expenses. Other statements made by Brechtel while on the stand related to personal profits made by transactions supposedly carried on for the benefit of the company. The company contracted to reimburse an Iowa country, but instead of so doing Brechtel turned the contract over to a California company at a profit of forty thousand dollars.

The site of the Minneapolis Auditorium building which the Northwestern National Life erected, was sold by Brechtel to the company at a profit to Brechtel of \$10,000.

Brechtel also testified that he had paid \$20,000 to Superintendent of Agencies Campbell, for the surrender of his contract.

## PRESIDENT OF BANK KILLED BY BROTHER

(By Associated Press.) MONTICELLO, IND., May 10.—W. H. Sylvester, president of the First National Bank of Monticello, was shot and killed today by his brother, Stephen Sylvester, whose mind is believed to be affected. Stephen had demanded money from his brother and a neighbor named Pittman was called in by Mrs. Sylvester and he separated the men. Stephen agreeing to return to his home, Pittman followed and fired a bullet into his brother's stomach, killing him almost instantly. Stephen is under arrest.

## HONOR DEAD WHO SLEEP IN OAKWOOD

Beautiful and Impressive Services Held Yesterday Afternoon.

## GOV. SWANSON ORATOR OF DAY

Pays Eloquent Tribute to Many Virtues Which Characterized Men Who Followed Lee. Thousands Gather Beneath Beautiful Trees.

That the Lost Cause is still held in veneration and memory dear and that the hearts of men still quiver at the mention of brave deeds and victories and agonies suffered in silence was wholly evident yesterday when thousands of Richmond's citizens, old and young, went forth to echo with living utterance the names and heroism of the Confederate dead and to strew their unmarked tombs with flower symbols of eternal memory and esteem. Governor Swanson was never more eloquent than when standing amidst the few survivors of that dread conflict, which, in a fiery passage, he termed the greatest conflict the world ever saw, and among three generations that mark the milestones of our history have passed since the beginning of that famous era, he bore testimony to the enduring love and esteem which the memory of the cause of the Confederacy still inspires in the hearts of all true Virginians. The vast audience was wrapped in a compelling silence while he recounted the deeds and heroism of those whose dust was interred beneath his feet and recited his mood of praise for those Southern women who divested themselves of their all and bore the war's slow agony for the sake of their homes and their liberties.

### Prominent Men Rode.

Colonel John W. Gordon was chief marshal and with him rode Major L. T. Christian, chief of staff; Judge George L. Christian, Colonel John Murphy, Major W. M. Evans, Captain J. H. Sheppard, Dr. E. Z. Stratton, Dr. Edward McGuire, Major Charles O. Saville, J. Singleton Walker, John Landstreet, E. S. Redwood, J. H. Redwood, W. B. Freeman, Hon. D. C. Richardson, E. A. Catlin, Captain W. Ben Palmer, Captain J. A. Hutchison, Captain M. J. Dimmock, John Stewart Bryan, E. B. Robinson, George T. Dean, F. P. Rennie.

The procession moved in parade from St. John's Church to the Oakwood Cemetery, where the sacred rites of memory were observed. First in the procession were the five companies of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment; the Covenanters' drum corp, of the Second Presbyterian Church, who acted as escort of Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans, then Lee Camp; the rear being brought up by the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Memorial Associations in carriages.

The sturdy little chaps of the Covenanters, clad in their white uniforms and wearing red and scarlet trimmed caps, set between the dark blue of the Seventeenth Regiment and the grey of the Confederate Veterans, gave the procession its most brilliant coloring.

### Ceremonies Begin.

Arrived at the gate of the cemetery, the cavalcade paused, and the ladies were allowed to enter first, while the horsemen stood at rest with heads uncovered. Then they too, fell in line and were in turn followed by the military, and between thousands banded on either side the procession continued its march up to the stand.

Hon. D. C. Richardson was master of ceremonies, and with him on the stand were the Governor and the Rev. E. L. Grace, who offered the invocation.

Mr. Richardson was particularly happy and eloquent in presenting Governor Swanson, who in turn said: "Mr. Commander," he said, "Confederate Veterans, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am thankful to my friend for his introductory remarks, and am glad beyond comparison to stand in this sacred spot, where is interred so much sacred dust, I am glad to be in Richmond, for its very atmosphere is redolent with glory, and no man can long remain here without being filled in some degree with the spirit of the past. None in this country and few cities in the world have witnessed more human greatness and more deeds of heroic valor than this, our city of Richmond.

Here, when the forests leaved in their pristine grandeur, once ruled that famous

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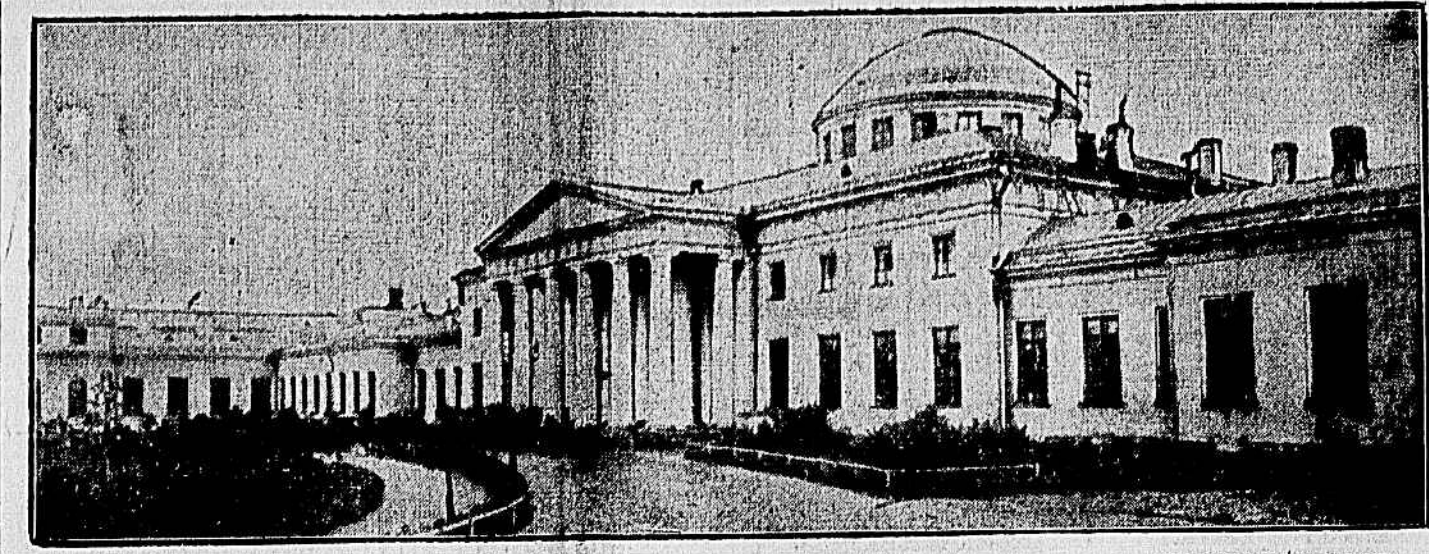
## MRS. DAVIS BETTER AND WILL RECOVER

Dictates Message to Daughter, Who is on Way to Bedside.

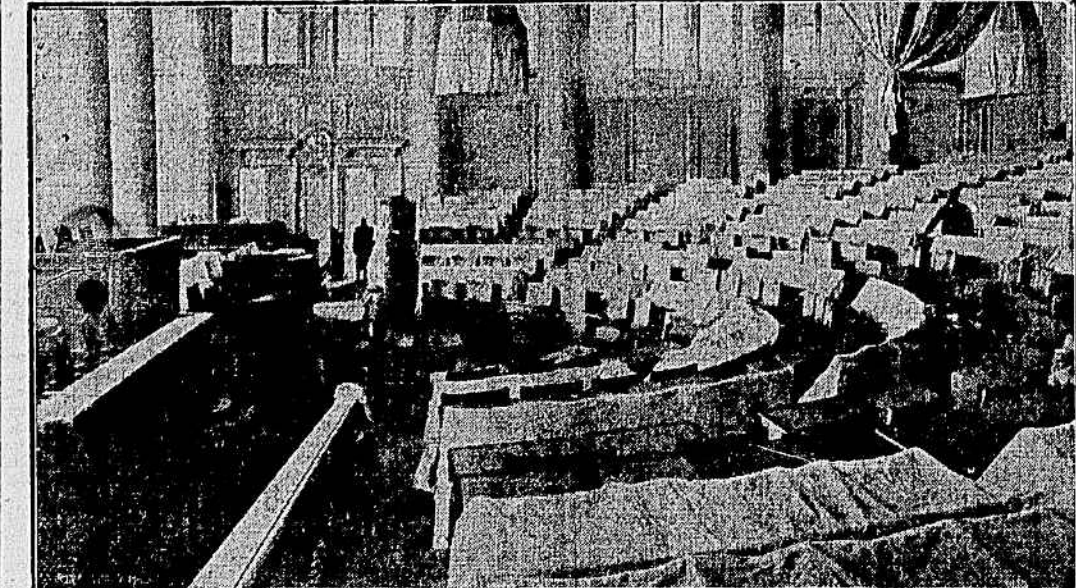
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, May 10.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the President of the Confederate States of America, who is seriously ill in her apartments in the Hotel Girard, here, was said tonight to be much better, and hopes are entertained for an early recovery. A report saying that Mrs. Davis was dying was sent out from New York this morning and published in western newspapers. Mrs. Davis's daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hayes, lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. She telegraphed her mother this afternoon, inquiring as to her exact condition. Mrs. Davis personally dictated this telegram, which was sent to Mrs. Hayes at 4 o'clock this afternoon. "Undoubtedly very ill. Doctor finds me better this afternoon. Love."

It is expected that Mrs. Hayes will start for her mother's bedside immediately. Jefferson Davis, a grandson, is a student in Princeton University. He will come to New York to-morrow.

## WHERE FIRST RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT MET YESTERDAY.



TAURIDE PALACE.



INTERIOR OF TAURIDE PALACE.

## CINCINNATI IN ANNUAL MEETING

Virginia Chapter, Composed of Descendants of Revolutionary Officers Celebrate.

### BANQUET AT WESTMORELAND

The annual meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia was held in the hall of the House of Delegates at the Capitol yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was originally intended to hold this meeting in the Senate chamber, but the very large attendance made it necessary to have the meeting in the larger hall. The ceremonies were held in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-third anniversary of the founding of the order of the Cincinnati (May 10, 1783).

Besides the members of the Cincinnati, there were present on this occasion fully five hundred prominent people of Richmond and other cities, who were guests of the society, including a large number of delegates. The address of welcome was by Dr. George Ben Johnston, president of the Virginia Cincinnati, at which prayer was offered by the Right Rev. Robert A. Gibson, D. D., Bishop of Virginia, acting as chaplain for the society.

A few timely and well chosen remarks the visiting members of the order and its guests were welcomed to the city by Hon. Carlton McCarthy, Mayor of Richmond, who presented to them, so to speak, the keys of the city and the hospitality of an old Virginia welcome. Following the address of welcome by the Mayor, letters of regret were read by the president from ex-President Grover Cleveland, the French ambassador, M. Jusserand; Senator John W. Daniel, Hon. Winslow Warren, president-general; and Hon. James Simons, vice-president-general of the Society of the Cincinnati. The "Principles of the Institution" of the Order of Cincinnati were then read

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## MANY DELEGATES ARRIVE IN CITY

Travelers' Protective Association of Virginia Begins To-day Fifteenth Annual Convention.

### MAYOR TO DELIVER ADDRESS

To-day's Features. Convene at 10 o'clock in Murphy's Hotel Annex. Opening address by President Chas. B. Cook. Address of welcome by Mayor McCarthy. Convene at 3 o'clock. Business session. Trip to Cedar Works. Banquet at Murphy's Hotel, night.

The fifteenth annual State convention of the Travelers' Protective Association, Virginia Division, will begin in Murphy's Hotel Annex this morning at 10 o'clock. This will be the first time within six years that the convention will have been held in Richmond.

Delegates from all over the State began pouring in last night, and when the roll is called this morning there will be, including the sixty-four delegates of Richmond—195 in all. The delegations that arrived in town last night were part of those from Danville, quartered at the Richmond Hotel; the entire Martinsville

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## THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair and warmer Friday and Saturday; light west winds, becoming south.

North Carolina—Fair Friday and Saturday; warmer Friday and, in east portion, Saturday; light, variable winds.

### Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather was clear and cool. Range of the thermometer: 9 A. M. 61° 10 A. M. 62° 11 A. M. 63° 12 M. 64° 1 P. M. 65° 2 P. M. 66° 3 P. M. 67° (Average.....62.5-3.)

Highest temperature yesterday.....66  
Lowest temperature yesterday.....59  
Mean temperature yesterday.....62.5  
Normal temperature yesterday.....64  
Departure from normal temperature.....1.5

### Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. 65° 10 A. M. 66° 11 A. M. 67° 12 M. 68° 1 P. M. 69° 2 P. M. 70° 3 P. M. 71° (Average.....67.5-3.)

### Conditions in Important Cities.

Place	(At 3 P. M., Eastern Time)	Ther.	High	Low	Weather
Albany, Ga.	61	68	75	55	Clear
Atlanta, Ga.	62	69	76	56	Clear
Baltimore, Md.	63	70	77	57	Clear
Chicago, Ill.	64	71	78	58	Clear
Cincinnati, O.	65	72	79	59	Clear
Cleveland, O.	66	73	80	60	Cloudy
Detroit, Mich.	67	74	81	61	Cloudy
Hartford, Conn.	68	75	82	62	Clear
Indianapolis, Ind.	69	76	83	63	Clear
Kansas City, Mo.	70	77	84	64	Clear
Memphis, Tenn.	71	78	85	65	Clear
Mobile, Ala.	72	79	86	66	Clear
New Orleans, La.	73	80	87	67	Clear
Norfolk, Va.	74	81	88	68	Clear
Philadelphia, Pa.	75	82	89	69	Cloudy
Pittsburg, Pa.	76	83	90	70	Clear
Raleigh, N.C.	77	84	91	71	Clear
Tampa, Fla.	78	85	92	72	Clear
Vicksburg, Miss.	79	86	93	73	Clear
Washington, D.C.	80	87	94	74	Clear
Yellow Stone, Wyo.	81	88	95	75	Clear

### Miniature Almanac.

Sun rises.....5:06  
Sun sets.....7:08  
Moon rises.....10:51  
May 11, 1906.  
MAY TIDE.  
Morning.....6:57  
Evening.....7:18

## BAPTISTS GATHER IN CHATTANOOGA

Great Attendance at Convention Which Will Be Called to Order To-day.

### BIG CHECK LOST IN THE MAILS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 10.—Chattanooga is full to overflowing with delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, which is to be called to order to-morrow morning, and every train brings in hundreds of others. Virginia is represented by a large delegation, though some familiar faces are missing. The day has been occupied with the sessions of various subsidiary bodies. The educational conference had three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening. At the afternoon meeting an informing paper by President F. W. Boatwright, who is himself absent, was read, setting forth the educational situation in Virginia, and Rev. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, made a charming address. At night the speakers were Rev. Drs. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, and W. L. Poteat, of North Carolina.

### Woman's Training School.

The board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary held their annual meeting to-day. The report of President Mullins showed an attendance of 25. The chair of Christian pedagogy was established, and Rev. Dr. B. H. Dement, formerly of Virginia, now of Texas, was elected, at a salary of \$2,500. The Sunday School Board of Nashville is to pay one-half of this. A resolution, offered by Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Georgia, was adopted, declaring it the sense of the body that the woman's training school be established in Louisville by the Woman's Missionary Union, the studies of the young women be pursued in the Seminary. This resolution was at once conveyed to the Woman's Missionary Union, in session at the First Baptist Church.

There is an unusually large attendance of women at the meeting of their mis-

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## STATE MAKES MOVE AGAINST COMPANY

Proceedings for Receiver Brought in Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

### (By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, May 10.—Proceedings were brought in the Supreme Court to-day by Attorney-General Dana Malone at the instance of the insurance department against the American Birth Insurance Company, seeking the appointment of a receiver to close up the affairs of the concern.

The action alleges that the company has failed to comply with certain provisions of the law. It further alleges that the funds received from benefit calls have been expended in other ways than in the payment of benefits or expenses incurred in investigating cases. Judge Sheldon to-day issued a temporary injunction preventing the officers and agents from doing business, and an order of notice, returnable Friday, on the application for a receiver. The American Birth Insurance Company was incorporated in this State in 1904.

## PRISON AND FINE FOR VIOLATIONS

Important Changes In Rate Bill Made By Senate.

## BIG STICK FORCES ALDRICH TO TERMS

Republican Leader Now Willing to Let Free Alcohol Bill Pass. Railway Employees Protest Against Anti-Pass Provision in New Law.

### (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The Senate to-day completed the consideration of the second section of the railroad rate bill, and, just before adjournment, listened to the reading of sections 3 and 4 without considering any amendments offered to them. The purpose of this reading was to bring the consideration of the bill up to the point of taking up the Atkinson compromise amendments, which will be done to-morrow.

A number of very important changes were made in the second section, including a provision restoring the impairment feature of the act of 1887 and an amendment suggested by Senator McCumber, imposing a penalty of fine and imprisonment against the shippers who secure rebates from transportation companies. The latter amendment was incorporated for the avowed purpose of hitting the trusts.

### Government Preference.

Another amendment adopted was offered by Senator Warren. It gives the government business a preference over all other traffic in time of war. A long series of changes were also made at the instance of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Many of these were verbal, and all were intended to improve the administrative features of the law. There was continuous debate throughout the day, and some complaint that Senators manifested a disposition to increase the time allowed under the six-minute rule, by speaking on amendments to amendments. The chair of Christian pedagogy was established, and Rev. Dr. B. H. Dement, formerly of Virginia, now of Texas, was elected, at a salary of \$2,500. The Sunday School Board of Nashville is to pay one-half of this.

### McCumber Amendment.

Following is the text of the McCumber amendment: "Any person, corporation, or company, who shall deliver property for interstate transportation to any common carrier, subject to the provisions of this act, or for whom, as consignee or consignee, any such carrier shall transport property, who shall knowingly and willfully, by employee, agent, officer, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, by or through any means or device whatsoever, receive or accept from such common carrier any sum of money, or any other valuable consideration, as a rebate or offset against the regular charges for transportation of such property, as fixed by the schedules of rates provided for in this act, shall be deemed guilty of a fraud which is hereby

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## CHILD FALLS FROM HIGH PORCH; KILLED

Simon, Little Son of Mr. William Green, Meets Dismal Death.

### (By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, May 10.—The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Green, of Main Street, between Sixth and Fifth Streets, fell from the second story porch of his home yesterday afternoon and received injuries that resulted in his death at 5:30 o'clock, two hours after the accident.

The little fellow was playing about the house while the family was at dinner, and tumbled out of the porch on the second story to the ground below, thirty feet. He was unconscious when taken up. Dr. St. Julian Oppenheimer was at once called and did everything that medical skill could suggest, but without avail. Mr. and Mrs. Green are prostrated with grief. The little boy was the pride of the home, and was well liked by every one in the neighborhood. No arrangements have been made as yet for the funeral.

## CZAR OPENS NEW RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT

Memorable Day In History of Empire Passes Without Disorder.

## MUTTERING AT THRONE SPEECH

Courtiers Cheer, But Members of Assembly Maintain Ominous Silence.

## HOUSES PREPARING TO GRAPPLE WITH RULERS

Witte Solitary and Deserted Figure in the Brilliant Throng. Petrunkivitch Makes a Ringing Speech for Liberty—Event Celebrated.

### (By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10.—Without a single hitch, and with only a minor incident to mar the memorable occasion, the Russian Parliament was inaugurated to-day. The weather was superb, and the stage management of the impressive ceremony at the Winter Palace, where Emperor Nicholas, surrounded by the courtiers and all the pomp and panoply of power, delivered the speech from the throne to the members of the two houses, was perfect. Such a spectacle perhaps never before has been witnessed on the earth's stage.

The message in reality was less a throne speech than a greeting, and required only three minutes for delivery. Upon entering the chamber, the Emperor halted in the center of the hall, and the Metropolitan Antonius advanced to meet him and held out the cross, which the Emperor reverently kissed. Then, bending forward, the Emperor clasped the hand of the Metropolitan, raised it to his lips and kissed it. The Metropolitan, returning the salutation.

### Impressive Scene.

The empresses, who had in the meantime advanced and taken their places on either side of the emperor, greeted the sacred emblem and the representative of the church in a similar manner. The emperor was dressed in the simple blue uniform of a colonel of the Imperial Guard, and his only decorations were the scarlet ribbon of the Alexander Nevsky order across his breast and the diamond star of the St. Andrew order.

The empresses were clad in court costume, the ancient Russian dress, composed of a flowing, long-trained robe over a white silk skirt and wearing on their heads the kokoshnik, or high Russian head-dress embroidered with pearls and diamonds. The train of the dowager empress was white and heavily edged with dark fur, as a token of her widowhood. That of the empress was embroidered with gold. The empress wore diamonds and the dowager empress pearls.

### All Eyes on Czar.

All eyes turned on the Emperor, who stood proudly erect, joining in the Te Deum by crossing himself and making frequent responses. The empresses kept their eyes straight to the front during the long religious ceremony, glancing neither at the members of parliament on their right nor at their courtiers on their left, scarcely moving a muscle, though the heaving bosom and flushed face of the young Empress showed that she was far from being at ease.

At the close of the Te Deum the clergy retired, chanting, towards the palace chapel, and the empresses moved up the hall and ascended the dais on the right of the throne, while the grand dukes moved forward and occupied the three lower steps on the same side. The metropolitan, the Emperor's private chaplain, the members of the Holy Synod, the master of the imperial household, and the specially appointed aide-de-camp, took their places at the foot of the throne, to the left, the Emperor himself remaining alone in the center of the hall during the transformation.

When all those participating in the ceremony had taken their new places the Emperor, with a slight pause, and then the Emperor walked slowly twenty paces to the dais, ascended the throne, seated himself in the Imperial chair, and an aide-de-camp stepped forward and presented him with the draft of his address. His Majesty arose and looked down upon the majestic scene, and delivered his message to the Russian millions.

### Speech From Throne.

The Emperor spoke with a firm, steady voice, which was heard distinctly in every corner of the hall, emphasizing deliberately every word. Such a hush fell on the assembly during the reading that the snap of camera shutters was sharply audible. The Emperor's speech was as follows:

"The Supreme Providence which gave me the care of our fatherland moved me to call to my assistance in legislative work elected representatives of the people. In the expectation of a brilliant future for Russia, I greet in your presence the best men from the empire, whom I ordered my beloved subjects to choose from among themselves. "A difficult work lies before you. I trust that love for your fatherland and your earnest desire to serve it will inspire and unite you. "I shall keep inviolate the institutions, which I have granted with the firm assurance that you will devote all your strength to the service of your country, and especially to the needs of peasantry, which are so close to my heart, and to the education of the people in their economical welfare, remembering that to the dignity and prosperity of the State not only free-